

Subject: Senate Education committee testimony on antisemitism

I would like to voice public dissent for the testimony on 02/19 regarding antisemitism in schools. This testimony is clearly biased against the subject of Palestinian liberation which as a student myself and someone who attended high school in Vermont and taught early education in Vermont it is vital for educators to discuss the ongoing genocide of the Palestinians without fear of accusations of antisemitism. The grassroots movement of Jewish Voices for Peace, an organization composed entirely of members of the Jewish faith who see the value and necessity of education and activism for the cause of Palestinian liberation was not invited to testify to this committee which has instead chosen bigoted groups like the ADL to speak for the Jewish community. This testimony should be a balanced view that considers the real issue of antisemitism instead of unjustly targeting Palestinian Vermonters who have the right to hear their stories told in the classroom.

Thank you

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